

MORE ARRESTS PROMISED SOON IN ALLEGED RECRUITING PLOT

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have been sent away from here already, and that there is money enough to send that many more. I don't think these fellows are particular about getting enlisted men, although I suppose trained army men would be preferred."

Jefferson, who formerly worked for Liquor License Inspector W. P. Fennell, was released on his own recognizance. Randall is still confined in Oahu prison.

This afternoon at 1:15 o'clock Jefferson was closeted in the office of A. M. Brown, city attorney, for a secret conference. Present with him were Deputy City Attorneys Carden, Crispy and Chillingworth. Mr. Brown himself is on Maui recuperating from a recent illness.

Jefferson later this afternoon had a conference with District Attorney Vaughan in the latter's office, a stenographer being called in.

Mr. Fennell this afternoon admitted that Jefferson was formerly employed by him, but added that he had not seen the man for nearly four weeks. Randall, too, tried to get work under Fennell, but was never regularly employed, Fennell says, and has not been around the license inspector's office for nearly six weeks.

A commissioner's hearing of the case was to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but was postponed indefinitely, awaiting further developments in the case.

"Innocent" Says Randall.
When seen at Oahu prison today, Randall protested his innocence, declaring that, in offering to assist the two corporals out of the army he thought he was doing a favor for Jefferson. At a commissioner's hearing held yesterday Randall practically admitted his part in the case.

"The British Association has sent me away from here," he said, "but I have got nothing to do with that. When I entered into this thing I didn't think I was committing any criminal offense; I thought I was doing a good turn for a friend."

A. L. C. Atkinson, secretary of the British Association, denies that the organization of which he is an officer had any connection with Randall's alleged activities. The British Association is solely a benevolent organization, says Mr. Atkinson, and aims to aid Britishers in distress.

The entire records and accounts from the first organization as St. George's Benevolent Society in 1872, down to date, are in one bound volume, and show the receipts and expenditures to date. The British consul here, E. L. S. Gordon, is president of the organization, Rev. Canon William Ault is vice-president, Mr. Atkinson, secretary and W. H. Baird is treasurer.

Wanted Work at \$10 Per Week.
Randall has been attempting to get work in Honolulu by using the Y. M. C. A. employment bureau here. His registration card with the bureau is dated September 21 of last year, and states that he reached Honolulu one week before.

Randall's age is given as 28, and he states on the application card that he would consider any employment as a clerk at wages not lower than \$10 or \$15 per week. For reference he cites "Gordon & Co., New Zealand," and "Gibbs & Company, New Zealand." He was given several cards of introduction from the Y. M. C. A. employment bureau, but no letter of recommendation, the giving of the latter being against the general policy of the organization save in exceptional cases. Native of New Zealand.

Randall said he was a native of New Zealand, that he had been here only a few months and that he had no permanent employment.

Fennell introduced me to Jefferson "last Tuesday" at 2 o'clock in the afternoon," he continued. "Jefferson said he had a business proposition he wanted to talk to me about, and we met at the Central fire station at 10 o'clock that same night. He said to me that I was a British subject. I told him I was. Then he said that he had been out of the U. S. army."

"I said I was thinking about the same thing myself. I told him I had a friend on the Niagara whom I thought would help us get out."

"Jefferson asked me if I could see any way to help two boys out of the army who enlisted with him. He took me to Schofield the next day and introduced me to two corporals in the 4th Cavalry. I had told them that if I could assist them in any way I would do so."

Cabled for Cash.
"Both the corporals said they needed \$140 to buy out. I had some money lying in the bank in New Zealand, and I cabled for it. As soon as it came I was going to help them."

"I guess Jefferson must have squealed on me. All that Stein (Seligsen) had to do in the matter was to give a letter saying that he would find one of the corporals a position."

"As far as I know, there were no local firms back of the deal."

"I was told by members of the British Association that about 130 members had been sent out of here."

"Do you know if these members were sent out in an illegal manner?" Randall was asked.

"I couldn't say as to that," he replied. "I don't know how they have done it."

Randall said that there was only one check, for the amount of \$140, in the transaction. One of the corporals was to cash the check, but Randall said he never gave it to him. He refused to give the name of the man upon whose account at the First National Bank the check was to be drawn.

Called It "Put-up Job."
"Those two corporals were absolute strangers to me," he added. "They asked me to help get them out of the army. I think the whole thing was a put-up job."

District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan said today that he probably will not call a special session of the federal grand jury to investigate the case. The next meeting of the jury is scheduled to be held early next month.

E. L. S. Gordon, local British consul, made the following statement today:

"I have never heard of, and do not know, any of the men involved in this matter. The man named Randall never had any letters from this office and never came to this office. I do not believe there is a word of truth in any of the stories which have been told."

Marshall Smiddy today said that the commissioner's hearing had been postponed, among other things, for the reason that he has in his possession a mass of documentary evidence which has not yet been looked over.

Rumors that men were in the city recruiting soldiers for the British army reached the city detective force about six weeks ago, according to Chief of Detectives Arthur McDuffie.

Information that two men on Alakea street were acting mysteriously one day about six weeks ago led to the dispatching of Detective Swift to the place. Swift watched the men for some time.

At the junction of King and Alakea streets the detective met some one who told him that he had heard the men were recruiting for the English army.

Detective Swift reported the case to the captain and McDuffie said today that he took it up at once with Customs Collector Malcolm A. Franklin, thinking that it should come under his notice.

"I found that Franklin's connection with things of this sort was merely in the matter of interned ships," says McDuffie, "so I reported to Acting District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan and to Marshall Smiddy, as I had been told that several men had been shipped."

Capt. McDuffie says that this was the last that he followed the matter until it became public through the arrest made by Marshall Smiddy.

Sheriff Rose said this morning that he knew nothing of the case until practically the time of the arrest, though he understood that the captain of detectives had had a rumor of some sort of recruiting work.

Soldiers who have been long in the service say that the number of men

SELIGSEN DENIES CONNECTION WITH RANDELL OR PART IN 'PLOT'

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and had never been in England, and his accent then appeared to be German.

"I never saw Randall until about three weeks ago," said Seligsen. "He came to me as a solicitor and worked for me only two days. That was last week—no, the week before that—I am so troubled that I can't think exactly straight."

"I advertised for a solicitor and Randall answered the ad. He gave me excellent references—one of them was the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and the others were also from prominent people, but I can't remember them now."

"I gave Randall a job soliciting for me on commission. He worked only two days for me and then I let him go because he did not produce results. He was around frequently after that, sometimes trying to borrow money from me and I had told him that any orders he brought in I would give him commission on."

Last Saturday he was in two or three times to see me and I think maybe he had a soldier or two with him, but I am not sure."

"Randall told me that he was a Honolulu man but had lived in New Zealand for a number of years. But I really don't know anything about him. He just came and went and as I say only worked for me for two days."

"How do you suppose Randall got you mixed up in this, then?" Seligsen was asked.

"I don't know anything about it. He had some of our cards which he took out soliciting. Maybe he used them somehow. I know I never had anything to do with this thing. This is a terrible blow."

"Where did you come from to Honolulu?"

"From the coast."

"What place there?"

"At this point Seligsen jumped up to see if he could talk to the U. S. marshal, and it was impossible to get a statement from him as to where he lived and what he did on the coast."

Pressed for a definite answer as to his previous history, he said:

"Why, I never was in England. I am German-born."

"What part of Germany?"

"Posen, Prussia—but that really doesn't matter. I don't want anything said about that."

Seligsen is a man of about 45 or 50 years old. At his office this morning he stated that he is a single man and has no relatives here so far as is known.

The office and the establishment, the New York Dress Company, on Union street, were closed by creditors shortly before noon today. It appears that about a month ago creditors of the company felt that they would have to exercise some sort of supervision of its affairs to protect their interests, and formed a committee of trustees.

This committee today decided to close the shop temporarily, in view of the developments concerning Seligsen, although one of these trustees told the Star-Bulletin that he believes Seligsen innocent of any wrongdoing.

Accordingly the store was taken in hand about 11 o'clock by representatives of the company, the door closed and locked. Two dressmakers who were there at the time were informed who purchase discharges are comparatively few.

The price varies according to the time a man has been in the army, \$120 being the sum which a man must pay after having spent a year in the service. Men cannot buy discharges before that time according to regulations and men who leave without regular discharges are deserters.

Some reason has to be ascribed for leaving, as for instance that a man is going into something which he believes better, or that he has a widowed mother to support and proof of waiting employment has to be given by the soldier that is satisfactory to military authorities.

Not Many Purchases.
There have been comparatively few discharges of enlisted men by purchase on Oahu within the last few months, it was learned today. Officers at Hawaiian Department headquarters are maintaining a strict silence so far as the Randall case is concerned, and would not give out even the number of men which headquarters records show as having been discharged by purchase since the arrival of Randall in Honolulu last September.

Many Sent to Canada.
It has long been a matter of general knowledge in the city that various Britishers here have been giving financial aid to many men who wanted to get to Vancouver or to New Zealand or Australia to enlist for service in Europe.

The activities of these men, it is claimed, have been strictly within the letter of the law, in that no one has been urged or recruited for service. Financial aid has merely been offered, and often supplied, to men who had already expressed a wish to get away for service at the front but who could not afford steamer fare to British territory. Though some of the men who have contributed to such funds are, incidentally, members of the British Association, the association handled no money for such purposes, it is declared.

JUST ONE MORE DAY
TO REGISTER AUTOS
Tomorrow is the last day on which automobile owners may re-register their cars under the \$1 fee. After that date the rate will be raised to \$5, and after April 1 owners will forfeit besides the right to claim their original numbers.

All day today, a string of motor car owners has filed into the sheriff's office at police headquarters, and made registry of cars.

Sheriff Rose said this morning that although the time of payment is grow-

HOW "SELIGSEN" AND "STEIN" ARE INVOLVED

That Seligsen used the name of "R. Stein" appears to have been gathered by the United States marshal's office from a letter signed "Per R. Stein" and with a card of the New York Dress Company attached. The letter was a promise of employment for an enlisted man of the 4th Cavalry if he should be discharged. The marshal was asked this morning if the letter, which is in script, is in Seligsen's handwriting. He said this had not yet been confirmed. Seligsen said this morning that Randall might have used his name and his card without any authority. Seligsen was arrested as "W. R. Seligsen, alias 'W. Stein.'"

One of these dressmakers, a woman of middle age, was asked about Seligsen, but could or would give no information about him. She herself appeared too much worried over the developments.

Place Frequent by Soldiers.
At the U. S. marshal's office it was stated definitely today that the New York Dress Company has been the center of suspicious activity for several days past.

The place was watched Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and it is stated that on Saturday night the actions of men around the place were such as to convince attaches of the marshal's office that Randall was working in conjunction with Seligsen to get in touch with soldiers. Accordingly, the arrests were fixed for Sunday. It was stated today that the conclusive evidence was secured on Saturday night while the water pagant was in progress and Carnival crowds filled the streets. Watchers then saw what they believe is enough to show that Randall brought soldiers to the New York Dress Company's office for the purpose of fixing up the deal to secure discharges for the soldiers.

W. R. Seligsen came here from San Francisco about last September and opened a branch of the New York Dress Company on Union street. A businessman of Honolulu, who knew Seligsen in San Francisco three years ago, told the Star-Bulletin today that Seligsen's business here has been bona fide so far as he knows, although he is said not to have prospered.

Seligsen is his right name and so far as I know he never used the name of Stein," said this man. Three years ago I met him in San Francisco. He was in the wholesale cloak and suit business then. That unquestionably is his business and I am inclined to think he came here for this business alone. He had failed two years ago in San Francisco, and I understand he expected soon to leave here for the coast and some members of his family were to come and run the business for him."

It is said further that Seligsen used to visit the army posts with permission from army authorities to peddle goods, and in this way is supposed to have been in close touch with the soldiers.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR
DIES SUDDENLY

[Associated Press by Federal Wire] INDIO, Cal., Feb. 25.—Lieut. Governor John Eshleman of California died here today of hemorrhage. He was staying at the Railway Club and his condition was first known when guests called for help from his room. Physicians were unable to aid him.

His presence here was unknown except to clerks at the club.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 25.—Lieut. Governor Eshleman left here Friday, saying that he intended to recuperate. He returned from Washington last week and said then that he was tired and out of sorts. He was known to be in poor health, but his condition was not considered serious.

He was born in Illinois in June, 1874, and came to California when he was 20. He became prominent in business and politics and made a notable record as president of the state railroad commission. A widow and three children survive him.

ing short, there are still some 600 cars out unregistered for the new year. There are more than 2000 automobiles in town.

"Our offices will be open during the regular hours tomorrow," said the sheriff, "that is from 8:30 in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and it is up to the people themselves to come in to register."

WHAT CAUSES COLDS?

This question is asked every day. A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but often due to disordered blood or lack of important food-elements. In changing seasons fat-foods are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the system better able to withstand the varying elements. This is the important reason why Scott's Emulsion should always be taken for colds, and it does more—builds strength to prevent sickness.

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RAPID-TRANSIT EARNINGS SHOW DROP FROM 1914

Annual Report of H. R. T. & L. Company Reveals \$15,000 Less Revenues

A decrease in operating revenues for 1915 of approximately \$15,000 from the revenues for the previous year, and an increase of \$5000 in operating expenses over 1914 expenses, are being reported by President L. Tenney Peck of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company at the annual meeting of the corporation, in progress this afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock.

The annual reports show total operating revenues for 1915 of approximately \$599,000, against revenues of \$615,000 for the preceding year, 1914, and operating expenses in 1915 of \$372,000, against \$367,000 in 1914. Total car mileage for the year was 1,552,044, against 1,945,224 in 1914.

Reference is being made to the franchise and litigation situations, which officers of the company declare are keeping them from going ahead with improvements and new track mileage much needed, especially on the King street line.

Dividend of \$130,000 for Lucky Owners

March 20 will be a happy day for owners of stock in the Hawaiian Agricultural Company, for on that day a dividend of \$130,000 will be paid, according to action taken by the directors this morning.

The regular monthly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, or \$30,000, will be paid that day, and as a special quarterly melon the directors have voted an additional extra dividend of 5 per cent, or \$100,000, paid at the same time. The company's capital stock is \$2,000,000, with shares at \$100 per share. Last recorded sales were at \$200.

The government of Japan is planning to start a factory for the production of carbolic acid from coal tar.

When a Hindoo yawns he at once flips his thumb and middle finger, but has no known reason for so doing.

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